The widening of the Kottar Chengunda Mudaliyar village road was another urgent need. This was a branch road taking off from the Cape road and was a path much frequented by merchants and others for going to the local Anchal and Post Offices and the bazaar. Vehicular traffic also was heavy. During the rainy weather the road was flooded by the drainage water and consequently, the merchants were put to much hardship and inconvenience in loading and unloading their goods. Besides being narrow, it was in a low level. Hence the volume of rain water accumulating there was large. Mr. T. Raghaviah, a former Dewan, had visited the place during the rainy weather and was convinced of the need for widening it, and he told the people that action would be taken to widen it and as an immediate step the northern wall of the Tobacco Bankshall would be demolished. But nothing further was done. The work should be begun without further delay and the road extended up to Terur.

The *kal* running along the southern side of the Kottar Tobacco Bankshall should be diverted. This was always full of sewage and unwholesome water and was giving out a perpetual steneh. The people on the sides of the drain were using it as a pathway also. This was very inconvenient and unhealthy. The Municipality had already moved in the matter but no action was taken to divert the *kal*. The Government should take up the matter and do the needful without further delay.

Lastly, the member said that the rules regarding the weights and measures should be strictly enforced. If standard weights and measures were not used, the people as well as the merchants would be put to much loss. Stringent orders should therefore be issued to the authorities concerned for strictly enforcing the provisions of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chettiyar, the removal of the fish market from its present site has been dropped; but arrangements have been made to keep the fish market in good sanitary condition.

The Municipal Council is still considering the question of removing the cremation ground. The question of uniform standards of measures will be taken up at the time of the next Settlement.

The question of enforcing the Weights and Measures Regulation will be considered.

Your request for widening and extending the road to Terur will be too costly. The work will cost about Rs. 50,000.

MEMBER: *பணத்தை மட்டும் கவனித்தால் ஜனங்கள் கஷ்டப் படுவார்கள்.*

DEWAN: The question of the diversion of the *odai* has not been recommended by the Council.

71. Needs of Nanjinad.

MR. A. RAMASWAMY NADAR (*Nominated*) said that the people in Aramboli, Chempakaramanputur and other places were suffering from scarcity of water for drinking and irrgation purposes. The Toval a

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channel, being in a low level, did not benefit the wet lands included in the old *ayacut* in the localities mentioned above. They therefore depended on rain water alone for irrigating the lands; but this was not sufficient with the result that lands were either subjected to *karivu* or *tarisu*. With a view to remove the hardship of the people in the matter of irrigating their lands, the Tovala channel might be extended for 4 miles from the 21st mile to the boundary limit. If this was not feasible, arrangements should be made for pumping out water from the channel and irrigating the lands in question.

The Poikamala reservoir scheme should be worked out without delay. The water from the Kalichampan dam was now being wasted. It could with advantage be diverted and made to irrigate the lands near the frontier. The irrigation tanks also should be restored. If all these works were carried out, about 4,000 acres of land would be benefited, securing an enhanced recurring revenue to the Government.

The Aramboly toll-gate should be shifted from its existing site and located near the frontier. Owing to the present location, the agriculturists were obliged to pay toll unnecessarily. If the gate could not be shifted as requested, the agriculturists who had to pass the gate should be given free passes.

A Police Station should also be opened at the frontier for the protection of the inhabitants there, who were subject to the disturbances of the rowdies assembling there. Being the frontier of the State, such disturbances were frequent.

Owing to scarcity of water, the wet lands in Tovala were subject to *karivu* and *tarisu*. But the owners of the affected lands were not being granted remission due to want of proper inspection. The inspection of these lands in such cases should therefore be conducted in company with the chief men of each *puravu*.

The average tax on wet lands in Nanjinad was Rs. 28½ per acre. This was very high when compared to the tax on wet lands elsewhere. Further, with the fall in the price of paddy, the ryots found it difficult to pay the tax due. A committee should be appointed to consider and report on the question of reducing the tax on wet lands in Nanjinad.

More roads should be opened in Nanjinad. The Kumarapuram road in the Tovala pakuthi should be improved and the Kottar-Ethamozhi road should be connected with the Colochel-Rajakkamangalam road. A road should also be opened from Manakudi to Ethamozhi.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Nadar, the Chief Engineer will be asked to report on your representation about the taking of water from the Tovala channel.

The Aramboly toll-gate cannot be shifted because it will be dangerous to have it in such a lonely place. The inhabitants of Aramboly can get annual passes.

In regard to the inspection of wet lands for purposes of remission of tax, when applications are made collectively or individually, they will be considered.

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